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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/22/05 Amendment.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 3,5,8-11 and 13-16 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 3,5,8-11 and 13-16 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Applicants' amendment filed on December 22, 2005 was received. Claims 1-2, 4, 6-7 and 12 are deleted. Claims 3, 5, 8-11 and 13-14 are amended. Now, Claims 3, 5, 8-11 and 13-16 are pending.
2. Claim rejection(s) under 35 USC 112 in the previous Office Action (Paper No. 091705) is/are removed.
3. Claim rejection(s) under 35 USC 102 and 103 in the previous Office Action (Paper No. 091705) is/are removed.
4. The indicated allowability of Claim 16 is withdrawn in view of the rejection set forth in paragraph 10 of previous Office action (Paper No. 0305). Examiner apologizes for causing any confusion.
5. Applicant is advised that should Claim 3 be found allowable, Claim 11 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after

allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

6. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action (Paper No. 091705).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. Rejection of Claim 3, 5, 8-11 and 13-16 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arakawa (US 6 103 854) in view of Bigley (US 5 406 641) as evidenced by Odian (Principles of Polymerization, 2nd Ed., Wiley-Interscience, 1981, pages 226-242) is maintained because the rejection is adequately set forth in paragraph 10 of Paper No. 0305 and paragraph 10 of Paper No. 091705.

Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. It is noted that, as mentioned in prior Office actions, Arakawa discloses a process for preparing an organic-inorganic hybrid polymer material in which polymer (A) having at least one functional group in the molecule and a polycarbonate and/or a polyarylate moiety as a main frame. In the prior Office action (Paper No. 0305), Claim 7 is indicated allowable, where E has a structure containing the specific E¹ segment. However, the newly added Claim 16 in the prior Office action (Paper No.

091705) is not allowable because it encompasses both the limitation of unallowable Claim 2 and the limitation of allowable Claim 7.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kuo-Liang Peng whose telephone number is (571) 272-1091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Randy Gulakowski, can be reached on (571) 272-1302. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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